



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – Sunday 21st February 2021

FORTHCOMING MASSES

BOOKING REQUIRED

Saturday 27th February – 6pm

Sunday 28th February – 10am

This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday 20th February – 6pm
Margaret Eileen O'Connor RIP
(Int of Louise McKenna)

Sunday 21st February – 10am
John Hale RIP
(Intention of Teresa Barrett)

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

The Sunday Obligation remains suspended at present, but Masses and other liturgies can be located on-line.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales website:
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/online-mass-directory/>

Our Lady Help of Christians:

www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth

DIAL-A-MASS - 01642 130120

(local rate call)

St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough.

HOW TO BOOK MASS

Applications between 9am Mon & 6pm Weds each week please:

croxleygreen@rcdow.org.uk

(Entitled MASS BOOKING)

or phone **01923 445163**

We need to know:

Which Mass and No of people?

We will respond on Thurs/Fri to confirm your booking.

WHEN ATTENDING MASS

Please follow the directions of the Stewards.

Face coverings are required in church, unless you are exempt.

Please wrap up warm, as we are required to keep church well ventilated!

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US

Remember, you can sign up for E-Alerts on the parish website, to keep up to date with the latest news, etc.

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

Two important special collections have traditionally been taken during Lent: the **Lenten Fast Day collection for CAFOD**, which is normally taken during the weekend of the Second Sunday in Lent, and the **Lenten Alms collection for the Cardinal's charities**, which is usually taken a couple of weeks later, and is mainly used to support food banks in the Diocese.

Included in this Newsletter are details of CAFOD fundraising activities, but for those who prefer to make donations through the parish, **there are special envelopes available for both charities in church. These envelopes are printed up with QR Codes, to enable you to scan with your phone to make donations, if you so wish.**

Our first reading describes how God made a Covenant with Noah, when he emerged from the great flood, and promised that a flood would never again be allowed to wipe out 'all things of flesh'. Our second reading is from the first of the letters in the New Testament attributed to St Peter. Some of the allusions in this passage are obscure, but the author is clearly comparing the deliverance from the flood water brought to Noah and his companions with the salvation from sin brought to Christians in the water of baptism.

MARION SMYTH RIP

We were very saddened to learn that Marion passed away on 14th February. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband, Jim, and their family. Please keep them in your prayers. Fr John will conduct Marion's funeral, which will take place in accordance with current restrictions, at West Herts Crematorium on 2nd March.

PARISH ACCOUNTS REPORT to 31 December 2019

Throughout lockdown, our Finance Committee has been working hard in the background to ensure the parish finances remain in order. We are especially grateful to David Reilly, Chair of Finance, who successfully assisted Fr John in submitting our Annual Financial Return on time, in spite of the difficulties presented by the pandemic. **This report has been posted on the parish website – Finance Report page.** Paper copies available on request.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Please give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Please donate online at **www.cafod.org.uk/give** or by using one of our envelopes.

You can also easily give via text.
Text LENT 5 to 70460 to give £5
Text LENT 10 to 70460 to give £10
Text LENT 20 to 70460 to give £20

Or Telephone: 0303 303 3030 to donate over the phone.

**Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS.*

If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460.

For more information, please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice

CAFOD

'BIG WALK FOR WATER'

[see overleaf](#)

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION – a prayer for all who are unable to receive Holy Communion in person

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

CAFOD**'BIG WALK FOR WATER'**

It's not too late to take up this challenge as part of your Lenten offering, or just to keep fit!

The challenge is to take 10,000 steps. You can hop it; skip it; slide it; run it; jump it; dance it; stamp it; stomp it. It doesn't matter how...

Or even better, do 10,000 steps a day for the 40 days of Lent!

You can sign up at:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk>

Fabian Hiscock (our CAFOD Parish Rep & Deanery volunteer co-ordinator) has signed up

If you are unable to take part yourself, you may like to sponsor him. Here are his JustGiving links:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Fabian-Hiscock>

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafods-walk-for-water>

Walk for Water is also the theme for this year's **Lent appeal and Fast Day collection on 27th / 28th February.**

Further information available from <http://www.walk.cafod.org.uk/>

KAIROS – Launching on

Tues 23rd February – 7.30pm

A new programme of fortnightly meetings on Zoom, hosted by Our Lady's Church, Rickmansworth.

An opportunity to CONNECT, increase our sense of BELONGING, and find ways to EXPLORE & GROW our faith.

There is still time to register or find out more from the Kairos Communications team at kairos@rcdow.ord.uk

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

8th Dec 2020 to 8th Dec 2021

Declared by Pope Francis, in his apostolic letter 'Patris Corde', on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/news/st-joseph/>

Novena Prayer to St Joseph from the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, 'Patris Corde' (With a Father's Heart)

Hail, guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and
courage
and defend us from every evil.
Amen

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021

Sadly our local World Day of Prayer service, written this year by the women of Vanuatu, is unable to take place on Friday 5th March, but please remember the people of Vanuatu in your prayers. It is hoped that it might be possible to hold the service at All Saints' Church, Croxley Green, in July, depending on the restrictions that are in place at that time.

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Are you seeking an outstanding education in a Catholic Primary school in the parish for your child? Due to families moving away, there are still a small number of places available for the current school year in Year 1. Information is available on the school's website: www.stanthonys.herts.sch.uk
Please contact Elaine Harrold on 01923 226987 asap.